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For : HOT WORK TOOL STEEL AND MOLD
MEMBER EXCELLENT IN RESISTANCE TO
MELTING LOSS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: